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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1699)

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| Sickinger, <i>et al.</i> |) | Before the Examiner: |
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| Serial No. 09/992,304 |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: 3754 |
| Filed: November 19, 2001 |) | |
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| For: Method and Device for Separating |) | Confirmation No.: 7357 |
| Samples from a Liquid |) | |

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

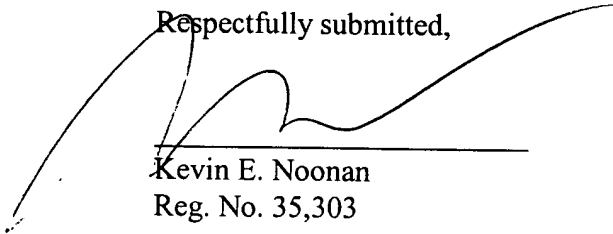
Applicant(s) in the above-identified application, through the undersigned attorney, hereby requests that the above-identified application be treated as entitled to the right accorded by Title 35, U.S. Code, Section 119, having regard to the applications, which particulars are set out below:

In Switzerland, Application No. 2000 2252/00, filed November 17, 2000

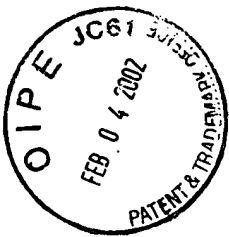
Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.

Date: January 7, 2002

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin E. Noonan
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application
 - b. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - c. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application
 - d. Claim of Priority
 - e. Certified copy of Swiss patent application 2000 2252/00
 - f. Request for Corrected Filing Receipt
 - g. Copy of filing receipt with changes noted thereon
 - h. Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to additional fees:
 - a. An additional fee of \$130.00 is required.
 - b. A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed.
3. Please charge any deficiency in the amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph herein- above, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Box MISSING PARTS, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 7th day of January, 2002.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL
APPLICATION MAILED DECEMBER 6, 2001**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed December 6, 2001, Applicants submit herewith an executed copy of their Declaration, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.63 and 1.68.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 accompanies this Response.

Respectfully submitted,
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

Date: January 7, 2002

By:

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Date Mailed: 12/06/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Dear Sir:

1. Attached is a copy of the official filing receipt received from the PTO in the above-referenced application for which issuance of a corrected filing receipt is respectfully requested.
2. There is an error with respect to the following data, which is incorrectly entered.

A.) **Error In:**

Foreign Applications:

SWAZILAND 2000 2252/00 11/07/2000

Correct Data:

Foreign Applications:

SWITZERLAND 2000 2252/00 11/17/2000



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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Sickinger, Residence Not Provided;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

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DUE DATE: Foreign Filing Ac - 11/19/02

BY: K.B. CB

Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Method and device for separating samples from a liquid

Preliminary Class

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